

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 30, 2012

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Russ Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Election Coordinator Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Minutes:

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of April 6, April 30, May 9, May 22, May 29, June 1, June 8, June 11, June 18, June 26, July 5, and July 11, 2012 meetings. There being none, Chairman Brown made a motion that the minutes from the April 6, April 30, May 9, May 22, May 29, June 1, June 8, June 11, June 18, June 26, July 5, and July 11, 2012 meetings be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.

Coordinator's Update: Kim Dennison stated that the school board is looking over the ballots and IvoTronics proofs for the Annual School Election and that she is waiting for their approval before the ballots and media is ordered. Kim stated that she and Chairman Brown discussed placing a publication at the Election Commission's expense because of all the changes that have been made with the school districts. County Clerk Tena O'Brien stated that she thought that the Election Commission was required to publish the election. Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has published the election in the past, although it is not required. Chairman Brown stated that it would be a good idea to publish the election because of changes in the school districts and this year Bentonville will elect school board members by zones and only residents that live in those zones will be eligible to vote for those candidates.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim the number of polling sites that would be opened in Bentonville. Kim replied that there would be three (3) polling sites opened because they are not at large positions anymore and each zone must have a polling site. Kim reported that the Centerton Fire House and Iberia Bank will be used for early voting sites.

Chairman Brown thanked Kim for the work she has done and asked if there were any objections to publishing the annual school election. The commissioners agreed that it should be published.

Kim reported that the refresher course that they have offered to the poll workers has received a low response. Kim handed out copies of the letter that was mailed to the precinct sheriffs with the dates that the refresher courses were being offered. Kim also gave the commissioners a worksheet with the number of Ivrotronics that would be distributed to each precinct for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim the total number of machines that would be used for the General Election. Kim replied, 236 of the 264. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim how she compiled the list. Kim stated that she went by the number of registered voters. Chairman Brown asked if the BOD would be ordered for the General Election. Kim responded, yes.

Commissioner Tumey asked about the parking at the Centerton Fire House. County Clerk O'Brien suggested using poll workers to monitor the parking lot instead of using the City of Centerton's firemen. County Clerk O'Brien stated that this may set a precedence using city employees. Kim stated that the firemen are volunteers and not on city time and that the mayor had suggested using them. No decision was made at this time.

New Business:

- A. Order to Appoint Election Officials to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the City of Siloam Springs Primary and City of Springdale Special Election to be held August 14, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has reviewed and approved the election officials to process, count, and canvass absentee ballots for the Siloam Springs Primary and Springdale Special Election. Chairman Brown asked for comments. There being none, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- B. Order to Appoint Election Officials for the City of Siloam Springs Primary and City of Springdale Special Election to be held August 14, 2012: Chairman Brown asked Kim how Washington County would receive their results for the Springdale Election. Kim stated that she had not talked with Jennifer at Washington County as to how their results would be delivered. Chairman Brown asked for further comments. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- C. Order Establishing the Early Voting Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission has reviewed and approved the early voting locations for the Annual School Election scheduled for September 18, 2012. Chairman Brown stated that the early voting locations would be at the Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs County Clerk's offices, the Centerton Fire House, and Iberia Bank. Chairman Brown asked for discussion. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- D. Order Establishing the Polling Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012: Chairman Brown asked for any comments on the polling locations for the Annual School Election. Chairman Brown stated that polling sites will be the Bentonville Church of Christ (Zones 1, 2, 3, 4); Bentonville First Assembly of God (Zones 5, 6); Cave Springs Community Building (Zone 7); Gentry Methodist Church; Gravette Civic Center; Highlands Methodist Church; Hiwassee Fire Station; and the Sulphur Springs Community Building. Chairman Brown reported that for Decatur, Siloam Springs, Rogers, and Pea Ridge there will only be early and absentee voting because of no contested races or millage increases. Chairman Brown asked for discussion. Commissioner Tumey asked how many sites that would give Benton County. Kim stated three (3) in Bentonville, one (1) in Gentry, and four (4) in Gravette. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- E. Amended Notice of Ballot Draw for the General Election to be held November 6, 2012: Sharon Rose stated that the reason for the amended notice was because of a typographical error in the date that the notice was signed by the Commissioners. Chairman Brown asked for comments. There being no further discussion or comments, the commissioners approved and signed the amended order.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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